

[Handwritten signature]
cc

F-8877

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tatsuya SAKAGAMI, et al.

Serial No. 10/555,145

For **SEAT RING WITH INSERT FOR BUTTERFLY VALVE, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**



Express Mail mailing label No. EV915172050US

Date of Deposit: March 1, 2007

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

[Handwritten signature of Evelis Otero]
Evelis Otero

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office dated November 3, 2006, submitted herewith is the English translation of the specification and formal drawings for the above identified application, the executed Declaration/Power of Attorney and Preliminary Amendment. Please note that the translation processing fee was paid November 1, 2005.

The fee of \$130 for the declaration is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

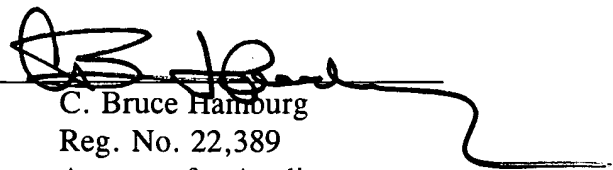
Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The fee of \$450 for the Notification of Missing Requirements is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

If there is any discrepancy between the fee(s) due and the fee payment authorized in the Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 or the Form PTO-2038 is missing or fee payment via the Form PTO-2038 cannot be processed, the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Also submitted herewith is the copy to be returned with response.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan and Hamburg LLP

By



C. Bruce Hamburg
Reg. No. 22,389
Attorney for Applicants

03/06/2007 GFREY1 00000096 10555145

01 FC:1617

02 FC:1252

Jordan and Hamburg LLP
122 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10168
(212) 986-2340

130.00 OP
45.00 OP



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
 www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.

10/555,145

FIRST NAMED APPLICANT

Tatsuya Sakagami

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

F-8877

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP04/06467

I.A. FILING DATE

05/06/2004

PRIORITY DATE

05/01/2003

CONFIRMATION NO. 3932

371 FORMALITIES LETTER



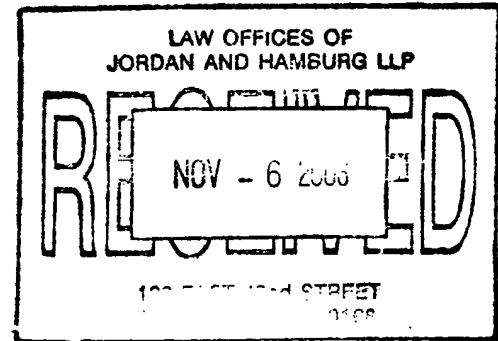
OC000000021099608

Date Mailed: 11/03/2006

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 11/01/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 11/01/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 11/01/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 11/01/2005
- Specification filed on 11/01/2005
- Claims filed on 11/01/2005
- Abstracts filed on 11/01/2005
- Drawings filed on 11/01/2005



The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit their reply to this notice via EFS-Web.
<https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/AuthenticateUserLocalEPF.html>

For more information about EFS-Web please call the USPTO Electronic Business Center at 1-866-217-9197 or visit our website at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc>.

If you are not using EFS-Web to submit your reply, you must include a copy of this notice.

WINSTON M ALVARADO

Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 206

PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/555,145	PCT/JP04/06467	F-8877